

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

November 10, 2009

Present: J. Quinn, L. Brousseau Lebreux. M. Shapiro, D. Gomez, M. Harrington, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons.

II. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-5(2), Grievance, Litigation. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes.

III. Public Input: Questions pertaining to RGB being present were addressed to the Chair.

IV. Consent Agenda: Item 4 D-1 was taken out for further discussion. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda, including Item 4 D-1.

V. Spotlight on Excellence: Grade 5 Literacy Night, presented by Mr. Gibney. A discussion was presented on the Literacy Night conducted by Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Rubino. It was a great success.

a. Superintendent's Report: Read a letter that he sent to the new Commissioner Gist. In addition he discussed the visit and the Commissioner's vision for education.

b. Principal's Report: Introduced Christina Kirchner our new Crisis Intervention Councilor. An introduction was made of Kelly Featherstone. She is currently getting her certification as a school administrator and is working with Mr. Gibney on this certification as well as substituting when possible. Discussed the H1N1 flu and our poor attendance. This week the attendance has improved. In addition, he discussed the H1N1 clinic which went extremely well. A discussion of the Autumn Fair and how it was a big success. November 25 will be a professional development for the entire staff and there will be no school on that day. The training will take place at the East Bay Collaborative.

VI. Personnel Matters: Request to extend "Summer Painter" program, presented by Superintendent. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to approve an additional \$1,500.00 for additional painting and repair work.

VII. Action Items:

a. Substitute secretary and custodian pay rates. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to set the sub rate to \$11.00 per hour for the substitute rate for both secretary and custodian effective immediately.

b. Request for Comment: State Ethics Commission, presented by Superintendent. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to authorize Dr. Devine to comment on the school committee's behalf.

c. Charge to School Building Committee, presented by

Superintendent. For purpose of discussion a motion to approve the Charge to the School Building Committee was made by Mr. Gomez and seconded by Chairman Harrington. A discussion ensued about amending the charge for the School Building Committee. The following amendments were presented and voted and approved. The vote for each of the approved amendments was: Mr. Gomez, aye; Mr. Quinn, nay; Chairman Harrington, aye; Mrs. Brousseau-LeBreux, aye; Mr Shapiro, aye.

1. Add to paragraph a, “approve a plan that will insure a fifty (50) year lifespan: Harrington/Gomez

2. Add to paragraph e, “and any other funding sources.” Gomez/Brousseau-LeBreux.

3. Add to paragraph e, “and to conform with all RIDE school construction regulations” Harrington/Shapiro

4. Add new paragraph g and adjust subsequent paragraph lettering, “The School Building Committee (BC) shall provide the town of LC a Cost Analysis and Finance Plan for the recommended school. This Cost Analysis shall present assessments of direct costs of new construction and renovation, indirect costs associated with local impact of the planned facility on roads, wastewater management, etc., and any other costs or benefits to the community, such that the total expense of the school and all co-use opportunities of new or existing facilities may be presented to the community. The BC shall present a model for the annual operating expense of the facility, including a explicit breakout of energy expenses and maintenance expenses. The Finance Plan shall represent the contributions of the town tax

levy as well as all other funds applied to the project.”

Harrington/Gomez

5. Add to paragraph i, “all necessary permits received, including occupancy”: Shapiro/Gomez

6. Add to paragraph 2 on page 2, “start-up”: Gomez/Harrington

7. Add to paragraph 2, page 2, “The Building Committee may return to the School Committee for additional appropriations as needed”: Gomez/Harrington

8. Strike from final paragraph, “The date and time of Building Committee meetings shall be established at the first meeting following the issuance of this Charge” : Shapiro/Brousseau-LeBreux.

9. Add to final paragraph, “to participate”: Harrington/Quinn

10. Strike from final paragraph, “unless participation is deemed appropriate by the Chair”:. Harrington/Quinn

On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by L. Brousseau-Lebreux the main motion to approve the Charge to the School Building Committee was approved as amended. The roll call vote on the main motion was, Mr. Gomez, aye; Mr. Quinn, nay; Chairman Harrington, aye; Mrs. Brousseau-LeBreux, aye; Mr. Shapiro, aye.

VIII. Discussion Items:

a. H1N1 Update, presented by Superintendent.

IX. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to Adjourn at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee

Executive Session

July 8, 2009

Following Open Meeting: 42-46-5(1), (4) – Personnel Actions